

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson Jr. today announced that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking local contractors for the construction of a retention pond and other environmental improvements along Deer Creek near Ford Heights and Sauk Village.

The project is designed to eliminate flooding that ravages Ford Heights nearly every spring. It will also alleviate flooding along Lincoln Highway and around Sauk Village's new industrial park, Jackson said.

"This has been a long time coming but we will soon break ground on a project that will bring welcome and overdue relief to residents in Ford Heights and Sauk Village," Jackson said. Groundbreaking is expected this summer.

Jackson worked several years with numerous federal, state and local officials and agencies to secure full funding for the project, including \$5.4 million from the Army Corps of Engineers.

The work will include construction of a retention pond and nature area as well as channel clearing along Deer Creek. The project will take about 18 months to complete.

Interested contractors have until June 10 to submit bid proposals. For more information, visit the Army Corps of Engineers website at www.lrl.usace.army.mil/ and then click on "solicitations," or contact Mr. David Dilks at the Corps of Engineers via e-mail at david.m.dilks@usace.army.mil or by phone at (312) 846-5373.